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re: John PITTMAN.

Reference is made to your memorandum No. 6253 of July 25. We attach notes regarding the various individuals mentioned in your report.

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EUROPEAN CONTACTS OF JOHN PITTMAN

- 1. /SESICR is possibly a corrupt version of "Ce Soir", the well-known French newspaper, issued from 37, Rue de Louvre, Paris 2, of which the Editor-in-Chief is G. BADIA.
- 2. The Editor of "L'Humanite" is Georges/COCNIOT, a member of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party.
- in the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Information, it seems likely that the reference is to Richard SLANSKY @ Karl Johann KUNSTOVNY, born Pilsen 1904, who was prominent in the Communist movement in Czechoslovakia before he arrived in this country in July, 1939, as a refugee. He took a leading part in the Communist movement amongst Czechoslovakians in this country. He was repatriated in October, 1945, and shortly afterwards became Editor in Chief in the Foreign Press Department of the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Information.

An alternative identification is with Richard's brother, Rudolf SLANSKY, who is Secretary General of the Czech Communist Party. During the last war he was in Moscow, and afterwards spent a considerable time with the Slovak partisans.

- 4. Debuni Pravlo" is possibly a corrupt version of Rude Pravo", the organ of the Czech Communist Party.
- 5. AGOTTWAHL, Clement, is identical with Klement GOTTWALD, Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia and Chairman of the Czech Communist Party. In November, 1938, on the suggestion of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, he left that country for Moscow, and did not return to Czechoslovakia until its liberation.
- 6. BERMAN is probably Jakob BERMAN, a former member of the White Russian Communist Party, who has been a member of the P.P.R. (Polish Communist Party) since before the war, and is now a member of its Central Committee and Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 7. LUKA, Vassya, is Vassile (Laslo) LUKA MADOSZ, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Roumanian Communist Party. As a member of the Roumanian Parliamentary Delegation he attended the Inter-Parliamentary Conference held in Cairo during the early months of 1947.
- 8. KOLAROV, Vassili, has been connected with the Communist Party movement since 1919, has been one of its leaders for many years, and has lived in the U.S.S.R.
- 9. DRAGOICHEVA, Zola, joined the Communist Party in 1919, and has been imprisoned on account of her political activities. Between 1932 and 1936 she was in the U.S.S.R. In 1937 she became a member of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, and in 1940 was elected to the Political Bureau. In September 1946 she was a member of the Bulgarian Delegation to the Third American-Slav Congress held in New York City. She was then described as Secretary General of the National Committee of the Bulgarian Fatherland Front. In April, 1947,

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